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Community Informational

TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL -- In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov. Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

Significant Arrests

(Casa Grande) Agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien on Monday with an active felony warrant for aggravated battery. Agents discovered the warrant using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The subject was turned over to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office for extradition.

In a separate incident Monday, agents from the Casa Grande Station apprehended a subject who has convictions for attempted rape and assault to commit rape. Agents discovered the convictions using IAFIS. The subject was held for prosecution.

(Casa Grande) On Sunday, agents from the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien who stated he was affiliated with the MS-13 gang. The subject was held for prosecution.

Criminal aliens, such as sex offenders and gang members, are some of the people attempting to enter the United States illegally. IAFIS assists agents in rapidly identifying these individuals so they can be brought to the appropriate law-enforcement resolution. The Border Patrol is committed to working with local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies to prevent these individuals from entering our communities.

Rescues

(Tucson) On Monday, Office of Air and Marine (OAM) agents located two subjects who were in distress. OAM transported Border Patrol agents to the remote area. The subjects were treated for dehydration and blisters and were transported to the Tucson Station for processing.



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(Ajo) Also on Monday, OAM, Border Patrol Search Trauma and Rescue (BORSTAR) agents, and Ajo Station Border Patrol agents located three subjects lost in the desert. They were medically evaluated and transported to the Ajo Station for processing.

Tucson Sector has more than 200 EMTs and more than 3,300 agents ready to provide aid to those in need. BORSTAR agents partner with OAM on a daily basis to locate and rescue subjects who are lost and in distress in the desert. Smugglers continue to put peoples' lives in danger by leading them through the harsh desert terrain and often abandoning them when they are unable to keep up. The Tucson Sector had 585 rescues from Oct. 1, 2009, to Aug. 31, 2010.

Seizures

(Casa Grande) Agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station assisted the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in locating five subjects on Monday. The subjects had absconded from a vehicle transporting close to 200 pounds of marijuana with an approximate value of \$160,000. The subjects, vehicle and marijuana were processed by DPS.

Due to collaborative efforts between state agencies such as DPS and Border Patrol, it is increasingly difficult for smugglers to transport contraband. From Oct. 1, 2009, to Aug. 31, 2010, the Tucson Sector Border Patrol seized more than 943,000 pounds of marijuana exceeding \$754 million in value.

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